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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
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SUBJECT:F-16: DECLASSIFICATION OF LOA'S

1) AT JUNE 8-9 BRUSSELS MEETING OF MULTI-NATIONAL  
FIGHTER PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE, REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE FOUR EUROPEAN PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS ON THE  
F-16 OBJECTED TO US PROPOSAL TO DECLASSIFY LETTERS OF OFFER  
AND ACCEPTANCE (LOA). US DOD SAYS THAT FROM U.S. SECURITY  
STANDPOINT THERE IS NO REASON LOA'S SHOULD REMAIN  
CLASSIFIED.

2) DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS FROM ADDRESSEES  
AS TO WHETHER DECLASSIFYING IS LIKELY TO PROVE POLITICALLY  
SENSITIVE TO HOST GOVERNMENT. BRUSSELS MEETING OBJECTIONS,  
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WHICH WERE PARTICULARLY STRONG FROM BELGIUM AND DENMARK,  
WERE MADE AT MILITARY LEVEL BUT ON POLITICAL RATHER THAN  
SECURITY RATIONALE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE POSTS'  
VIEWS AND, IF POSTS FEEL IT APPROPRIATE, VIEWS OF HOST  
GOVERNMENT. US CONGRESS HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY SKEPTICAL  
OF OVERCLASSIFICATION OF MILITARY SALES ARRANGEMENTS AND  
COULD RAISE OBJECTIONS IN ABSENCE OF COMPELLING REASONS

FROM EUROPEANS TO KEEP LOA'S CLASSIFIED. FYI: EUROPEAN  
REPRESENTATIVES AT BRUSSELS MEETING WERE: BELGIUM -

GENERAL RENE DALLEUR; DENMARK-ADMIRAL IB RODHOLM;  
NETHERLANDS -GENERAL HARRY DIETIERS; NORWAY- MR. HELGE  
OMRENG. CHRISTOPHER

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## Message Attributes

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